

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In paragraph 1, on line ⁷~~15~~, please add the following at the end of the paragraph:

—The application is also a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/282,116, filed 29 October, 2002, now United States Patent 6,659,634.--

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. The applicant has now more accurately distinguished the instant claims from those inventions presented in previous rejections.
3. In particular, the applicant has more clearly indicated in instant claim 9 the use of a predetermined concentration of the oxidizing agent in the polishing slurry. The prior art differs in that the slurry already exists and oxidizing agents are added to form an equilibrium concentration. The instant claims differ in that the slurry does not exist prior to determining the required target concentration. Furthermore, the claim now requires